Quota of foodgrains and kerosene in FPS reduced

3469. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently reduced the quota of foodgrains and kerosene in the Fair Price Shops in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken/proposed to be taken for the restoration of the reduced quota?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Bulk allocation of foodgrains and kerosene are made by Central Government to States/UTs. All operational matters relating to the implementation of the Public Distribution System (PDS) including monthly allocations to individual Fair Price Shops are under the administrative jurisdiction of the concerned State Governments/UT Administrations. As such, the Central Government does not maintain details of allocations to Fair Price Shops in any State/UT. Central Government has not reduced the quota of foodgrains and kerosene made to any State/UT recently.

International Conference on Consumers' Rights

3470. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any international conference on Consumers' Rights is scheduled to be held in France around 25th September, 1994;

(b) if so, whether an Indian delegation will be attending the said conference; and

(c) what will be the constitution of the delegation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) According to a news item in the magazine entitled "Consumer Currents", the International Organisation of Consumers Unions (IOCU) will hold the 14th World Congress from 26 to 30th September, 1994 in France. This Ministry has not received any invitation for this Congress, so far.

Consumers' Rights Organisations

3471. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) how many consumers' rights organisations are working in the country;

(b) what are their names and addresses; and

(c) what assistance these organisations receive from Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) More than 500 Consumer organisations are working in the country. The Directory containing the names and addresses of these organisations is available in the Parliament Library.

(c) The Ministry operates two schemes for providing financial assistance to